

As a teacher in a Waldorf School where all forms of media (TV, radio and internet) are actively discouraged for our children both in school and at home, I believe in the power the media has to affect our thoughts and minds, both negatively and in certain cases positively. Given this power, and its potential to "program" those who watch TV or listen to the radio, it is particularly important that the messages we are exposed to are as varied and diverse as possible, so that this programming does not become too one-sided. We need access to a variety of information, and leaving that up to only a few companies, would limit what we can easily access, and therefore could potentially affect our ability to make free and clear decisions. For this reason, I am against deregulation of the media.